

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for receiving at least one desired communication signal in a wireless communication system, ~~the method~~ comprising:

receiving a plurality of communication signals;

selecting communication signals of the plurality of communication signals based on a received power of each communication signal, the selected communication signals having a received power exceeding a threshold, and including the at least one ~~each~~ desired communication signal and a plurality of undesired communication signals originating from a plurality of other cells, wherein the plurality of undesired communication signals originating from the plurality of other cells each include a cell specific scrambling code;

identifying the plurality of other cells based upon the cell specific scrambling code;

ranking the plurality of other cells based upon the received power originating from the plurality of other cells;

selecting at least one particular undesired signal of the plurality of undesired signals for processing from at least one highest ranked other cell

producing a channel estimate for each selected communication signal based on the cell of that selected undesired communication; and

jointly detecting data of the selected communication signals.

2-3 (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[2]] 1 wherein the selected communication signals number a fixed value of N.

5-6 (Canceled)

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the wireless communication system is a time divided code division multiple access communication system and the producing channel estimates is by implementing a Steiner algorithm for a plurality of cells.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the time divided code division multiple access communication system is a time division duplex wideband code division multiple access communication system.

9. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the time divided code division multiple access communication system is a time division synchronous code division multiple access communication system.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one communication signal from another cell includes a communication signal transmitted from one

wireless transmit/receive unit for reception by another wireless transmit/receive unit.

11-20 (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) A wireless transmit/receive unit for receiving at least one desired communication signal, the wireless transmit/receive unit comprising:

an antenna ~~receiving~~ configured to receive a plurality of communication signals;

a communication selection device ~~selects~~ configured to select communication signals of the plurality of communication signals based on a received power of each communication signal, the selected communication signals having a received power exceeding a threshold, and including each the at least one desired communication signal and a plurality of undesired communication signals originating from a plurality of other cells, wherein the plurality of undesired communication signals include a scrambling code that identifies the originating cell for each of the plurality of undesired communication signals, and wherein at least one particular undesired communication signal is selected based upon originating from at least one highest ranked cell of the plurality of other cells, wherein the ranking is based upon a received power originating from the other cells;

a multiple source channel estimation device and a channel estimate selector/combiner ~~produces~~ configured to produce a channel estimate for each selected communication signal based on the cell of that at least one selected undesired communication signal; and

a joint detector configured to jointly ~~detects~~ detect data of the selected communication signals.

22-23 (Canceled)

24. (Currently amended) The wireless transmit/receive unit of claim [[22]] 21 wherein the communication selection device ~~selects~~ is configured to select communication signals totaling a fixed number of N.

25. (Original) The wireless transmit/receive unit of claim 21 wherein the communication selection device ~~selects~~ is configured to select communication signals based on a received power of each communication signal per symbol.

26. (Original) The wireless transmit/receive unit of claim 21 wherein the communication selection device ~~selects~~ is configured to select communication signals based on a received power of each communication signal over a specified time period.

27. (Original) The wireless transmit/receive unit of claim 21 wherein the received communication signals are in a time divided code division multiple access format and the producing channel estimates is by implementing a Steiner algorithm for a plurality of cells.

28. (Original) The wireless transmit/receive unit of claim 27 wherein the time divided code division multiple access format is a time division duplex wideband code division multiple access format.

29. (Original) The wireless transmit/receive unit of claim 27 wherein the time divided code division multiple access format is a time division synchronous code division multiple access format.

30. (Original) The wireless transmit/receive unit of claim 21 wherein at least one communication signal from another cell includes a communication signal transmitted from one wireless transmit/receive unit for reception by another wireless transmit/receive unit.

31-39 (Canceled)

40. (Currently amended) A base station for receiving at least one desired communication signal, the base station comprising:

an antenna ~~receiving~~ configured to receive a plurality of communication signals;

a communication selection device ~~selects~~ configured to select communication signals of the plurality of communication signals based on a received power of each communication signal, the selected communication signals having a received power exceeding a threshold, and including each ~~the~~ at least one desired communication signal and a plurality of undesired communication signals originating from a plurality of other cells, wherein the plurality of undesired communication signals include a scrambling code that identifies the originating cell for each of the plurality of undesired communication signals, and wherein at least one particular undesired communication signal is selected based upon originating from at least one highest ranked cell of the plurality of other cells, wherein the ranking is based upon a received power originating from the other cells;

a multiple source channel estimation device and a channel estimate selector/combiner ~~produces~~ configured to produce a channel estimate for each selected communication signal based on the cell of that at least one selected undesired communication signal; and

a joint detector configured to jointly ~~detects~~ detect data of the selected communication signals.

41-42 (Canceled)

43. (Currently amended) The base station of claim [[41]] 40 wherein the communication selection device ~~selects~~ is configured to select communication signals totaling a fixed number of N.

44. (Original) The base station of claim 40 wherein the communication selection device ~~selects~~ is configured to select communication signals based on a received power of each communication signal per symbol.

45. (Original) The base station of claim 40 wherein the communication selection device ~~selects~~ is configured to select communication signals based on a received power of each communication signal over a specified time period.

46. (Original) The base station of claim 40 wherein the received communication signals are in a time divided code division multiple access format and the producing channel estimates is by implementing a Steiner algorithm for a plurality of cells.

47. (Original) The base station of claim 46 wherein the time divided code division multiple access format is a time division duplex wideband code division multiple access format.

48. (Original) The base station of claim 46 wherein the time divided code division multiple access format is a time division synchronous code division multiple access format.

49. (Withdrawn) A wireless transmit/receive unit for receiving at least one desired communication signal, the wireless transmit/receive unit comprising:

an antenna receiving a plurality of communication signals;

a plurality of channel estimation devices, each channel estimation device for estimating channel responses for a particular cell's transmissions;

a plurality of blind code detection devices, each blind code detection devices for detecting codes used in a particular cell;

a code selection device selects codes based on a result of each blind code detection device;

a channel estimate combiner for producing estimated channel responses corresponding to the selected codes; and

a joint detector having inputs configured to receive the selected codes and the produced estimated channel responses and detecting data of the selected communication signals.

50. (Withdrawn) A base station for receiving at least one desired communication signal, the base station comprising:

an antenna receiving a plurality of communication signals;

a plurality of channel estimation devices, each channel estimation device for estimating channel responses for a particular cell's transmissions;

a plurality of blind code detection devices, each blind code detection devices for detecting codes used in a particular cell, excluding a cell of the base station;

a code selection device selects codes based on a result of each blind code detection device and codes of a cell of the base station;

a channel estimate combiner for producing estimated channel responses corresponding to the selected codes; and

a joint detector having inputs configured to receive the selected codes and the produced estimated channel responses and detecting data of the selected communication signals.

51. (Currently amended) A method for receiving at least one desired communication signal, the method comprising:

providing a joint detector capable of processing N communication signals;

receiving a plurality of communication signals;

selecting N communication signals of the plurality of communication signals, the selected N communication signals including all of the communication signals of a cell of the joint detector, each desired communication signal and having other undesired communication signals; the selecting of the N communication

signals evaluates communication signals of multiple identified cells, wherein the selected undesired communication signals include a cell specific scrambling code identifying an originating cell and are selected based upon originating from at least one highest ranked cell of the multiple cells, wherein the ranking is based upon a received power originating from the multiple identified cells; and

jointly detecting data of the N selected communication signals using the joint detector.

52-54 (Canceled)

55. (Currently amended) A wireless transmit/receive unit for receiving at least one desired communication signal, the wireless transmit/receive unit comprising:

a joint detector ~~capable of processing~~ configured to process N communication signals;

an antenna ~~receiving~~ configured to receive a plurality of communication signals;

a communication selector ~~for selecting~~ configured to select N communication signals of the plurality of communication signals, the selected N communication signals including all of the communication signals of a cell of the joint detector, each desired communication signal, and having other undesired communication signals; the selecting of the N communication signals evaluates

communication signals of multiple cells, wherein the selected undesired communication signals include a cell specific scrambling code identifying an originating cell and are selected based upon originating from at least one highest ranked cell of the multiple cells, wherein the ranking is based upon a received power originating from the multiple identified cells; and

the joint detector configured to jointly detecting ~~detect~~ data of the N selected communication signals.

56-58 (Canceled)

59. (Currently amended) A base station for receiving at least one desired communication signal, the base station comprising:

a joint detector configured to ~~capable of processing~~ process N communication signals;

an antenna ~~receiving~~ configured to receive a plurality of communication signals;

a communication selector ~~for selecting~~ configured to select N communication signals of the plurality of communication signals, the selected N communication signals including all of the communication signals of a cell of the joint detector, each desired communication signal and having other undesired communication signals; the selecting of the N communication signals evaluates communication signals of multiple identified cells, wherein the selected undesired

communication signals include a cell specific scrambling code identifying an originating cell and are selected based upon originating from at least one highest ranked cell of the multiple cells, wherein the ranking is based upon a received power originating from the multiple identified cells; and

the joint detector configured to jointly detecting detect data of the N selected communication signals.

60. (Canceled)

61. (Currently amended) A method for receiving at least one desired communication signal, the method comprising:

providing a joint detector ~~capable of processing~~ configured to process N communication signals;

receiving a plurality of communication signals;

selecting at a maximum of N communication signals of the plurality of communication signals, the selected N communication signals including all of the communication signals of a cell of the joint detector, each desired communication signal and having other undesired communication signals; the selecting of the maximum of N communication signals evaluates communication signals of multiple identified cells, wherein the selected undesired communication signals include a cell specific scrambling code identifying an originating cell and are selected based upon originating from at least one highest ranked cell of the multiple cells, wherein the

ranking is based upon a received power originating from the multiple identified cells; and

jointly detecting data of the N selected communication signals using the joint detector.

62-65 (Canceled)

66. (Withdrawn) A method for receiving at least one desired communication signal, the method comprising:

receiving a plurality of communication signals;

providing a communication selecting device for selecting communication signals, the communication selecting device selectively operates in a plurality of modes, the modes including a first mode where only communication signals from a cell of the communication selecting device are selected and a second mode where communication signals from multiple identified cells are potentially selected; and

jointly detecting data of the selected communication signals.

67. (Withdrawn) A wireless transmit/receive unit for receiving at least one desired communication signal, the wireless transmit/receive unit comprising:

means for receiving a plurality of communication signals;

communication selecting means for selecting communication signals, the communication selecting device selectively operates in a plurality of modes, the modes including a first mode where only communication signals from a cell of the communication selecting device are selected and a second mode where communication signals from multiple identified cells are potentially selected; and means for jointly detecting data of the selected communication signals.

68. (Withdrawn) A wireless transmit/receive unit for receiving at least one desired communication signal, the wireless transmit/receive unit comprising:

an antenna receiving a plurality of communication signals;

a communication selecting device for selecting communication signals, the communication selecting device selectively operates in a plurality of modes, the modes including a first mode where only communication signals from a cell of the communication selecting device are selected and a second mode where communication signals from multiple identified cells are potentially selected; and

a joint detector jointly detecting data of the selected communication signals.

69. (Withdrawn) A base station for receiving at least one desired communication signal, the base station comprising:

means for receiving a plurality of communication signals;

communication selecting means for selecting communication signals, the communication selecting device selectively operates in a plurality of modes, the modes including a first mode where only communication signals from a cell of the communication selecting device are selected and a second mode where communication signals from multiple identified cells are potentially selected; and means for jointly detecting data of the selected communication signals.

70. (Withdrawn) A base station for receiving at least one desired communication signal, the base station comprising:

an antenna receiving a plurality of communication signals;

a communication selecting device for selecting communication signals, the communication selecting device selectively operates in a plurality of modes, the modes including a first mode where only communication signals from a cell of the communication selecting device are selected and a second mode where communication signals from multiple identified cells are potentially selected; and

a joint detector jointly detecting data of the selected communication signals.